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Fleet Readiness Center Southwest (FRCSW) Commanding Officer Capt. Craig Owen congratulates acquisition program specialist William Fields Sept. 30 for his selection as the FRCSW Fiscal Year 2016 Civilian of the Quarter, second quarter. Fields earned the recognition for a number of accomplishments including his input in creating the Government Commercial Purchase Card Request Portal and revamping the command's tool ordering process. (U.S. Navy Photo)

NAVAL AIR STATION NORTH ISLAND - Fleet Readiness Center Southwest (FRCSW) selected William Fields as its Fiscal Year 2016 Civilian of the Quarter, second quarter.

Fields, an acquisition program specialist (commodity lead), was recognized for his work in contracting and purchasing functions in the 6.13 division by FRCSW Commanding Officer Capt. Craig Owen in ceremonies Sept. 30 in Building 94.

"The division 6.13 has only been up and running for about the past two and a-half years. We make sure everyone is in compliance for the acquisitions and contracting outside of the Defense Logistics Agency," Fields said.

"We're the liaison between the contract officer, who generally doesn't understand naval aviation because that's not their cue, and whoever comes through the door in need of everything from credit cards, to General Services Administration purchases, to labor and facilities contracts."



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A former electrician for Navy contractor AES, Fields worked at Camp Pendleton servicing AH-1 Cobra and UH-1 Huey helicopters before transferring to FRCSW in 2003 and promoting to an electrical planner/estimator for manufacturing the following year.

He has been an acquisition program specialist since 2014.

A paramount concern is keeping the command's machinery operational to ensure a consistent flow of artisan work within production timelines.

"We've only got so much experience on the floor to fix those machines here that break down, so sometimes we need to bring in the vendors or the original equipment manufacturer to come in to repair or overhaul --- so we make sure we get the right contracts, so what their requirements are matches up to the compliance, mostly Fleet Logistics Center, to make sure we're getting what we want," Fields said.

To further reliable artisan work flow, Fields revised the command's tool ordering procedures down from an average of nine months to only 30 days, and also provided input to the development of the Government Commercial Purchase Card Request portal.

The variety of his duties and the people he meets, Fields said, are what he enjoys most in his position.

"You never know what requirements will come. But after two years I know some will be repeats, but by the time you have it figured, something new comes in. You don't get stale here," he said. "And I get to interact with a lot more people than previous jobs I'd had, and we've got some pretty neat people here."

The father of three, Fields lives in Riverside County with his wife Darilynn.



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